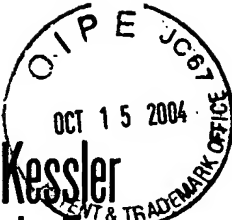




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**Art Unit 2819**

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application  
Application No. 10/784,934; Filed: February 25, 2004  
For: **State-Delayed Technique and System to Remove Tones of Dynamic  
Element Matching**  
Inventor: Minsheng Wang  
Our Ref: 1875.3760001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO-1449, listing 5 documents and enclosing 4 documents;
4. Fee Transmittal;
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| Filing Date          | February 25, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Minsheng Wang     |
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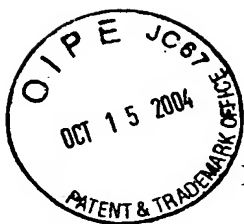
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